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"I have no religious scruples about playing on Sunday," he added, "but I refused that offer because had I known it was for seven days a week I should have asked more money."

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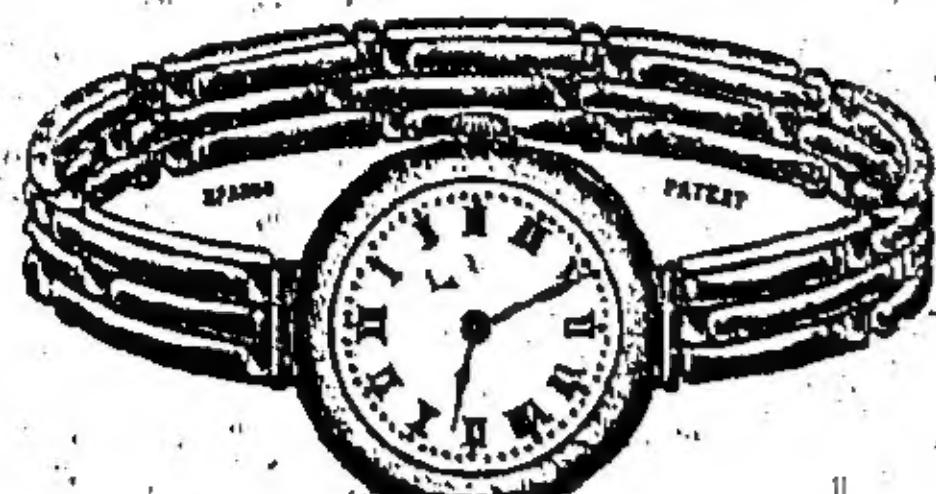
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## THE FLIGHT FROM

SCOTLAND.

WHY?

It is not putting it too strongly, writes

a contributor of the "Daily Mail," to say

that Scottish politicians have been watch-

ing the stream of emigration from the rural

parts of Northern Britain with something

like dismay.

For seven or eight years past the move-

ment has proceeded with steady aug-

moting volume. The Small Holders Act

of 1911, it was confidently reckoned,

would immediately arrest it. But the Act

has been operating for a year, and what do we find? A migrant stream which, during

the spring, has been more formidable than

ever; manifesting, too, characteristics

which show a settlement of tendency never

revealed before.

That is not the only reason, as it is assumed, as why generally, not

published in letters these people write to

their friends at home, at least half the sub-

ject of rural depopulation would stand

explained. The writer has seen many of

them and has rarely perused one which did

not enlarge glowingly on the opportunities

it offers to him and expresses a sort of play-

wonder that those at home could cling to

their former homes of success. In no case

does he seem to have any real chance of

success, and the fact that he is an emigra-

tion agent adds to his gloom.

But rural depopulation in Scotland is

very imperfectly understood, when it is

assumed, as very generally, that it is a

universal evil, without the kind of people

involved in migration. It is only possible

to study the statistics of a single

country parish, without finding that the

agricultural depopulation is less than a half

of the whole. The other half is found to

be related to the decline of the villages

and the trades once maintained in them.

There are still village blacksmiths, carpen-

ters, tailors, shoemakers, and even shop-

keepers. But they are everywhere a diminish-

ing people. The organization of busi-

nesses has wiped out all the small busi-

nesses as substantive industries and left to

those once engaged in them the function

of mere "shish" know-how.

The shrinkage of their own opportunities

that they do not get even one son to succeed

him in a business which they are con-

vinced is "dull." It is the rarest thing for

the sons of these village manual workers

to adopt agricultural work so that the

closure of a career in village trade or man-

ual industry means that they shall inevi-

tably contribute to the misery problem of

rural depopulation.

And the main cause of depopula-

tion by the emigration movement itself is

almost none at all. Thus Farnsworth, per-

haps the county most affected by the

vacuum of power, offers

nothing but a general exodus of the popu-

lation, and the number of people leaving

is increasing daily.

The truth of the matter is that there is

neither one raid cause nor one grand

remedy for the rural depopulation evil in

Scotland, and to no little extent it is the

expression of forces which legislation can

not influence.

Whether Highland or Lowland, it is a case

with no natural fear of adventurous

settlement, as in the case of the Eng-

lish border country.

And the people are educated, though most

and on abounding and almost universal

cultivation has made them great readers

and now here is the desire to prompt and

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WEDNESDAY,  
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Des Vaux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street.—A LARGE QUANTITY OF  
VALUABLE TEAKWOOD AND  
BLACKWOOD FURNITURE,  
&c., &c., &c.Comprising as follows:—  
TEAKWOOD—Dining and Drawing  
Room Suites, Upholstered Chairs and  
Sofas, Carpets and Rugs, B'd Room Suite,  
Bureaus, Wardrobes, &c., Dining Room  
Furniture, Extension Dining Tables, Side-  
boards, etc., etc., 1' Dinner and Dessert  
Services, Crucifix, Sundry Glass Ware, 1  
Cooking Stove, Cutlery, &c., &c.,  
BLACKWOOD—Overmantels, Card  
Tables, Couches, Armchairs, Flower  
Stands, Cabinets, Jardinières, Hall and  
Tee Tables, Teapots, Brackets and Photo  
Frames, etc., Old Inlaid Chairs, etc., and  
a few pieces of Chinese Porcelain;2 Sewing Machines, Oil Painting by W.  
Kaufbach, 2 Pianos, Ice Chests, Electric  
Ceiling Fans and One Typewriter.Catalogues will be issued.  
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## PUBLIC AUCTION

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at His Sales Room DUNDELL STREET.A QUANTITY OF  
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD  
FURNITURE,

Comprising:—

[A] Tapestry-covered drawing room Suite,  
Teak Sideboard with Bevelled Mirror,  
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Glass and Crockery Ware, cutlery etc.

Also

A few pieces of Canton Blackwood ware.

On view from Tuesday the 8th.

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GEO. P. LAMMERT,  
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Hongkong, July 4, 1913.

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WEDNESDAY,  
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DUNDELL STREET.A FINE COLLECTION OF  
POSTAGE STAMPS.Containing Hongkong, North Borneo,  
New South Wales, Tasmania, Malay States,  
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etc.

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FRIDAY,  
the 11th July, 1913, commencing at 11 A.M.A QUANTITY OF  
GENT'S AND LADY'S BOOTS AND SHOES

in black and tan

GENT'S SOFT SHIRTS, STRAW HATS;  
etc., etc.

Also

35 Rolls Chefoo Pongee.

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GEO. P. LAMMERT,  
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Kowloon, June 25, 1913.

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Hongkong, June 11, 1913.

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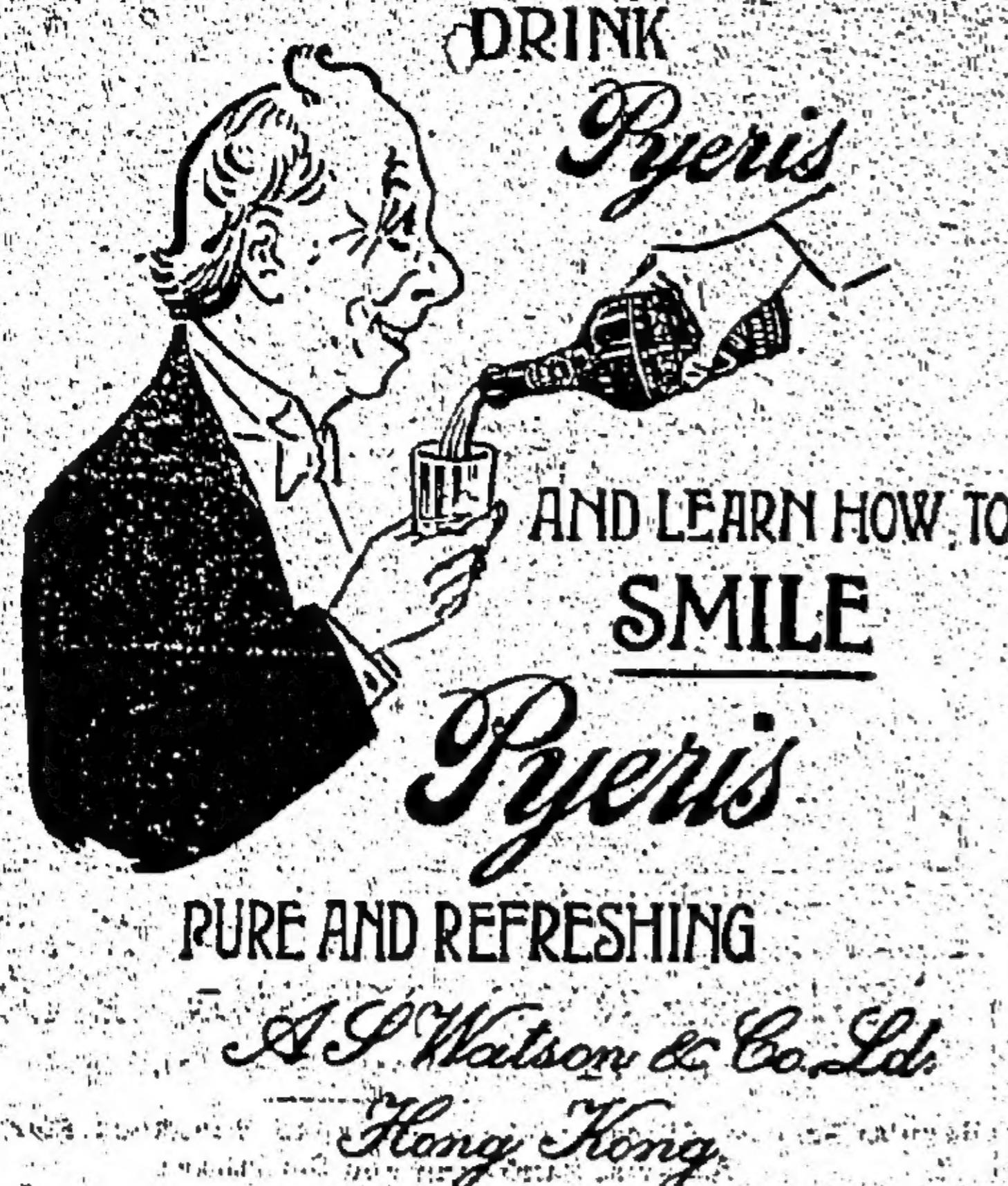
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in a paper read by Mr. L. Pardot at an Electrical Congress in Paris, have to make provision for a traffic which increases at a mean annual rate of about 10 per cent., whilst the corresponding increase in Europe is only about 2 per cent. There is a difference of 6 to 7 per cent. in the relation between working expenses and receipts of the German and American systems. The methods of working enable the American company to guarantee the economical transport of merchandise at cost which is about half the cost in Europe, and which justifies the fixing of the average tariff for passenger transport at almost double the French or German rates. A cheap goods service can be provided in the United States, owing to the importance and the nature of the traffic, which consists of the transport of a large quantity of heavy goods over very long distances. The revenue derived from goods traffic accounts for 70 per cent. of the total revenue of the railways (only 55.5 per cent. in France), and for certain companies like the Pennsylvania Railway, it reaches 95,000 francs per kilometre of line (6,000 per mile). Grain trains, coal trains, and mineral trains frequently traverse distances of 1,000 km., to 1,600 km., and the average distance of transport of 1 ton of merchandise is upwards of 400 km. (250 miles) in America, whilst in Europe it hardly exceeds 140 km. (87 miles). The load of a train is particularly high in the United States. Whilst in France the 10-ton goods truck is, in Mr. Pardot's opinion, perfectly adapted for the short-distance traffic which has to be catered for, the average capacity of American trucks has gradually increased; it does, in fact, attain 14 tons for goods trucks on the Pennsylvania Railway, and 33 tons on the average for goods trucks on all the American systems. On the Pennsylvania Railway Company's lines the average slow train carries 600 tons of merchandise; the train, including the locomotive, weighs about 1,000 tons, and the cost of transport barely amounts to 0.008 franc per ton-kilometre carried (about 1d. per ton-mile). In the fast traffic the revenue from which works out at 22 per cent. of the total revenue of the system (45 per cent. in France), a single class only is provided, the charge for which almost corresponds with that of the first class in France. The weight per seat, which is 300 kg. (190 lb.) for ordinary carriages, constructed entirely of steel, is very much higher than that of French rolling-stock, where it is only on the average of the order of 300 kg. (660 lb.), and of 500 kg. to 60 kg. (1,200 lb.) in modern corridor carriages. This difference in the weight of rolling-stock seems completely to justify the difference which exists between the cost of transport per passenger-kilometre; if the passenger trains are noticeably heavier than in Europe, no working economy results from this fact, as the number of passengers carried per train is about the same in the two countries.

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# THE CHINA MAIL.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Bouter's Service to the China Mail.)

### THE BALKANS' WAR.

### ROUMANIA MOBILISES.

LONDON, July 4.  
The King has ordered a general mobilisation.

### THE "DIPLOMATIC" ATTITUDE.

There is a strong feeling in diplomatic quarters in London that it would be better for all parties in the Balkans to fight it out now that they have begun. A satisfactory settlement, it is felt, would be easier after a short, sharp conflict.

### BULGARIA DENIES SERVIAN VICTORIES.

A telegram from Sofia states that the Bulgarian Government flatly denies the reports of Servian successes and accuses Servia of making attacks which, however, were repulsed.

### RENEWED FIGHTING.

The Servians report that a fight was progressing on Thursday near Kochana, but the result is not yet known. No further details are to hand, but the Ministers of Justice and of Commerce at a Cabinet meeting in Belgrade declared with broad smiles that they were satisfied with the operations.

### TURKEY TO REMAIN NEUTRAL

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 4.  
The Porte has decided in any event to maintain a neutral attitude towards the belligerents, keeping in view only the Enos Midia line.

### TURKISH PRESS COUNSEL REVENGE.

The Press at Constantinople is urging the Turkish Government to hold the Chatila army in readiness to take revenge on the Bulgarians.

### BULGARIA'S PREPAREDNESS.

LATER.  
A Belgrade telegram states that the Servians have captured a number of military documents, including an original order to a Brigade Commander, which proves conclusively that Bulgaria was prepared beforehand for a surprise attack by the Servian Army, with the whole Bulgarian Fourth Army, consisting of a hundred battalions with a hundred guns, under the Minister for War.

### BULGARIAN BULLION DETAINED.

A carload of Bulgarian money intended in Austria, consisting of Francs 2,000,000, has been detained at Belgrade.

### ROUMANIA MOBILISES.

#### TO PROMOTE PEACE.

Roumania has notified the Powers of the mobilisation of her army, and explains that the complete defeat of the Greeks and Servians might upset the balance of power in the Balkans. Roumania believes that her mobilisation will promote peace and induce the Balkan States to consent to a conference at St. Petersburg.

### FIGHTING AT SALONIKA.

A Greek official dispatch reports heavy Bulgarian losses in the fighting outside Salonika. The Greek losses were considerable, but not excessive. Four quick-firing guns were captured.

In the battle fought outside Salonika the Greek artillery overpowered the Bulgarian artillery, whereupon the Greek infantry charged with the bayonet and pierced the Bulgarian line of artillery and cleared the Bulgarians from the whole plain of Kilkis; the Greeks driving the enemy northward. They captured six officers and many others.

### YINK PERFORMANCE BY GREEK INFANTRY.

The newspaper correspondents with the Greek Army dwell upon the extraordinary dash of the infantry which waded through miles of marshes storming fortified positions with bayonets unsupported by guns, which it was utterly impossible to use.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

Immediately the Bulgarians at Salouka disarmed the Greeks marched out. King Constantine took command, and on Wednesday morning ordered the advance of eight divisions. The first Bulgarian position was captured after a rush by the whole body of infantry over a stretch of 3,000 yards.

Greek official dispatches announce the recapture of Ghergheli, re-opening communications with the Servians. They also announce the re-capture of Nigrita, and state that the Bulgarians made a headlong flight and many were drowned in the River Vardar. Two thousand wounded have arrived at Belgrade.

### ALLEGED BULGARIAN MASSACRES.

A telegram from the Greek headquarters alleges that the Bulgarians massacred the inhabitants of Nigrita and Doganbataz.

### SERVIANS CLAIM VICTORY OVER BULGARIANS.

The Servians on Tuesday captured altogether 29 out of the 70 guns belonging to the Rilo division and quantities of equipment and rifles. The latest reports show that the Bulgarians have now been entirely cleared out of the territory from which they had ousted the Servians, the latter driving twenty-four Bulgarian battalions headlong across the river Zletovo. The cavalry charged most effectively. It is estimated that the Bulgarian casualties were 800 killed and 1,800 wounded.

### SERVIAN PRISONERS.

A Sofia telegram says the Bulgarians captured 1,500 Servian troops.

### A VICTORIOUS ADVANCE.

According to telegrams from Belgrade and Salouka the Servians and Greeks continue their victorious advance. Prince Kustendil telegraphed that the Servians have crossed the actual Bulgarian frontier and have occupied the heights of Tzernik, about fifty miles south of Sofia. The Greeks report success after success. North of Salouka they have crossed the Vardar River and assaulted Foungoroge. A battle is proceeding at Domok and the capture of the place is only a matter of a few hours. The victory of the Greeks at Nigrita was a complete one; 15,000 Bulgarians were captured and deported to Crete. The Commander of the Seventh Division reports that his troops captured an entire Bulgarian regiment.

### BULGARIANS MASSACRE GREEKS.

King Constantine telegraphs confirming the report of the massacre of Greeks in two villages by retreating Bulgarians.

### MEDICAL STAFF INADEQUATE AT BELGRADE.

A message from Belgrade states that the number of available doctors and nurses is wholly inadequate to tend the enormous influx of wounded.

### THE BULGARIANS' RETICENT.

Little information is forthcoming from Sofia regarding the fighting, and the Greek and Servian despatches there fore hold the field.

### MONTENEGRO ANGRY.

A telegram from Cetinje states that the reports of Bulgaria's aggression have aroused the anger of Montenegro, which supports the Greeks and Servians. It is understood that these three States will carry on the fighting until Bulgaria shows a desire to cease hostilities.

### A TELEGRAM FROM SOFIA.

A Sofia message states that, up to noon yesterday the Bulgarians had captured 3,000 Servians and eight guns.

### ANNEXATION OF THE CONGO.

### BRITISH RECOGNITION.

Brussels, July 4.  
The Journal de Bruxelles states that Sir Edward Grey on the 27th June handed the Belgian Minister in London a Note formally recognising the annexation of the Congo.

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### MR. LYTTELTON'S CONDITION.

LONDON, July 5.  
The condition of the Rt. Hon. A. Lyttelton, K.C., is giving rise to very grave anxiety.

### THE ITALIAN BUDGET.

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A telegram from Rome states that the Italian Budget for 1913-14 shows a surplus of 98 million lire, which is the largest surplus on record. The expenditure on the war in Tripoli was 203 million lire, which is covered by the ordinary resources of the Budget.

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### LAWN TENNIS.

### THE WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIPS.

LONDON, July 4.  
A record crowd attended at Wimbleton the match in the Challenge round of the World's lawn tennis championship between Wilding, Australia, and McLoughlin, America. The match resulted in a victory for the Australian by 8-6, 6-3, 10-8. Intense enthusiasm prevailed. Wilding, playing with superb precision, quickly mastered McLoughlin's terrific and hitherto invincible service.

### THE DOUBLES TOURNAMENT.

In the doubles tournament Roger Barrett and Dixon (England) beat H. K. Kleinschroth (Germany) 6-2, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

### GENEROUS BRITISH COLONIALS.

### AN AIRSHIP FROM BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

LONDON, July 4.  
A Nairobi telegram states that £1,000 have been subscribed by residents in British East Africa towards the purchase of an aeroplane for Great Britain.

### THE JOHANNESBURG STRIKE.

### SERIOUS STATE OF AFFAIRS.

JOHANNESBURG, July 4.  
The engineers, carpenters, joiners and masons have balloted in favour of a strike in sympathy with the miners.

The Government is concentrating several thousand troops and police, including 2,000 regulars, on the Rand and threatens to take the most vigorous measures in the event of violence.

### SITUATION GRAVE.

The general strike on the Rand is becoming even more grave. Lieutenant Scaler Booth of the 1st Dragoons has been injured and rendered unconscious in the rioting. Trams and trains have been held up.

### SUICIDE AT FOURTEEN.

### Child's Farewell Letter.

Dear Parents, I am sorry to have caused you so much trouble, but I hope you won't trouble yourselves about me. You will find me in the end in front of our window. So God be with you till we meet again. Your beloved daughter, Samie. The last kiss for my brother Joe.

This letter was left by Sarah Ann Anderson, fourteen years old, the daughter of a lock-keeper on the Rockdale Canal at Whitworth Street, Manchester. Her body was found in the canal, and at the inquest, the father said he had no idea what was meant by the phrase. "Your poor wanted daughter." There had been no quarrel and no trouble of any kind.

Other evidence was given to show that the girl had a good home, and a verdict of Suicide while insane was returned.

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## COMMERCIAL.

### SHIPPING REPORT.

Means Vernon and Smyth, in their weekly share report, dated July 4th, state:

The market for local securities has ruled firm throughout the past week, and further improvement in several instances has again to be recorded, the market generally closing firm.

The London market after advancing

in the early part of the week closed generally lower on the period under review, with the exception perhaps of Oils which remains about last week's level, the closing wire being steady for "Rubbers" and quiet for "Tins." Fine Hard Para Rubber is quoted to-day at 30/- per lb, and Plantain Sheets at 210/-.

Discount rates are unchanged at 4½ per cent. in the open market.

Bar Silver closes firm at 201½.

Starling T.T. is quoted to-day at 111½.

Shanghai T.T. at 73½, and Singapore T.T.

at 84½. Consols close firmer at 73½.

Hongkong and Shanghai after

sales at \$810 close easier at \$812½ dollars.

London is unchanged at 28½.

Marine Insurance.—Unions continue quiet at 8½ per cent., with variable sellers at 8½, required for 8½, 9½, and 10½. Chinese and Manilla have a slightly weakened value having been affected at 8½. Douglas have been a quiet market and close with sellers at 8½. Star Ferries have had sales at 8½ and probably more can be obtained at this figure.

For Insurance.—Hongkong have had sales at \$307, and China at 14½.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao have been sold at 22½.

Sales have taken place in Indo-China at 8½

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